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To whom it may concern:

I as Microsoft investor and user have been concerned about antitrust suit against Microsoft for some time. While Microsoft has become more or less the standard for their operating system and personal computer software, they earned it by providing innovative products. I believe I as a consumer have benefited from what Microsoft has done over the years.

The Department of Justice has spent millions of tax payer dollars over the years prosecuting a case that I as a consumer feel was unnecessary to begin with. Microsoft has spent millions of dollars defending themselves. This money could have been used for more R&D or made Microsoft more profitable which would have enhanced the value of the stock in my portfolio. I think it ridiculous to punish a company because they have been successful.

The uncertainty caused my this litigation needs to stop. Microsoft has agreed to a settlement that I think goes far beyond what was required. I think it is in the public interest that the case be settled with the terms that have been agreed to by the DOJ and Microsoft.

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